



# GDO

Grants Development Office

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# Executive Summary

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The Grants Development Office (GDO) assists and supports faculty, staff, and administrators in securing external funding resources for strategic initiatives, special projects, and general operating expenses related to the overall mission and vision of Triton College. The office works collaboratively with all departments to identify and pursue external funding opportunities that will help to develop, enhance, and enrich the educational programs and services available to Triton students and the community at large.

In FY18, the GDO continued to secure external funding resources in a strategic effort to help support the institution's enrollment, persistence, and completion initiatives. Only through the active participation and engagement of the campus community, was Triton able to acquire an additional **\$2,656,156 in grant funding compared to FY17**. The GDO's ability to garner more resources that are aligned with institutional priorities can only be accomplished with the ongoing engagement and commitment of Triton's leadership, faculty, and staff.

In FY18, the GDO successfully obtained **grant awards totaling \$6,020,537**. The following pages will highlight the grant projects along with the many **"Grants Warriors"** whose innovative ideas and dedication to improving student outcomes contributed to Triton's enormous success.

Triton College's grants portfolio is diversified and consists of awards from private foundations, corporations, and governmental sources (i.e., local, state, and federal).

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## Grants Development Office Highlights

In FY18, the GDO focused on increasing grant revenue, diversifying the grants portfolio, and providing information to the campus community and external stakeholders about grants and the overall impact of grant resources. Key highlights are listed below:

- ◆ Hosted two funder site visits from the *ECMC Foundation* and the *Chicago Foundation for Women*.
- ◆ Was instrumental in facilitating Triton's role as lead partner in the *TRIUMPH expansion* model, which includes three community colleges.
- ◆ Made every effort to recover the cost of administering grant programs by capturing the federally approved *indirect cost rate*. In FY18, the college captured over \$257,295 in indirect costs.
- ◆ Raised over **\$6,000,000** in grant funding for the college, which is a 50% increase from FY17.



New initiatives  
this year!

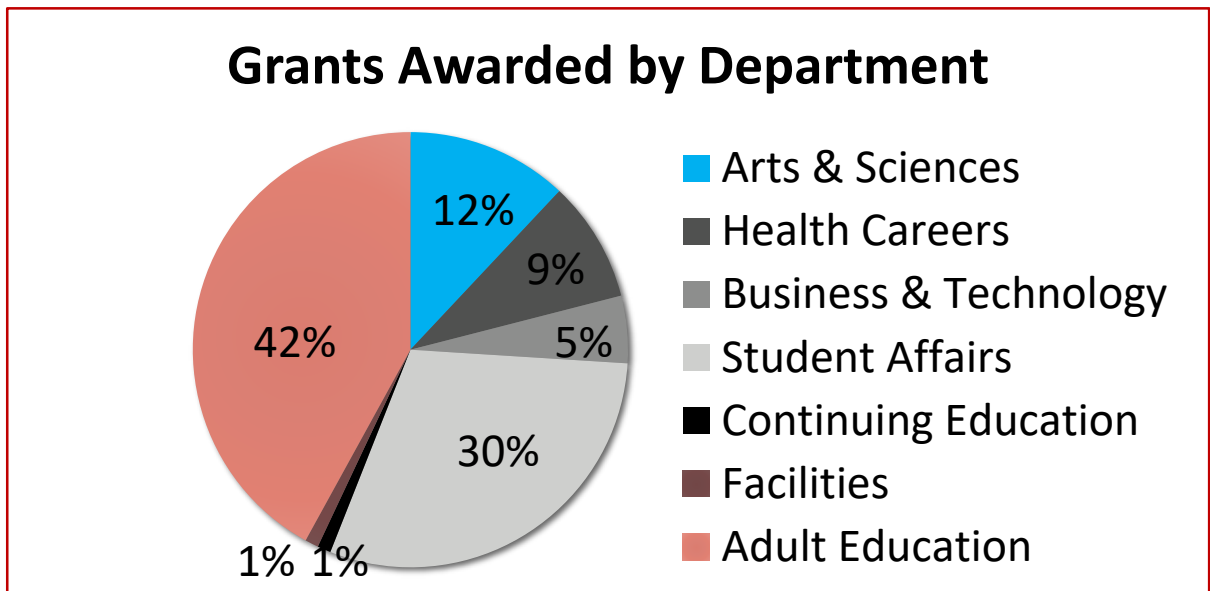
- ✓ Student Meal Pantry
- ✓ Violence Prevention Education Program
- ✓ STEM Scholarships in Engineering and Geo-Sciences



**Table 1:** Triton College’s grant portfolio is comprised of awards from federal, state, local, foundation, and corporate sources. The distribution of funds varies year after year depending on the college’s needs and available funding sources. The charts below reflect the distribution of funding sources.

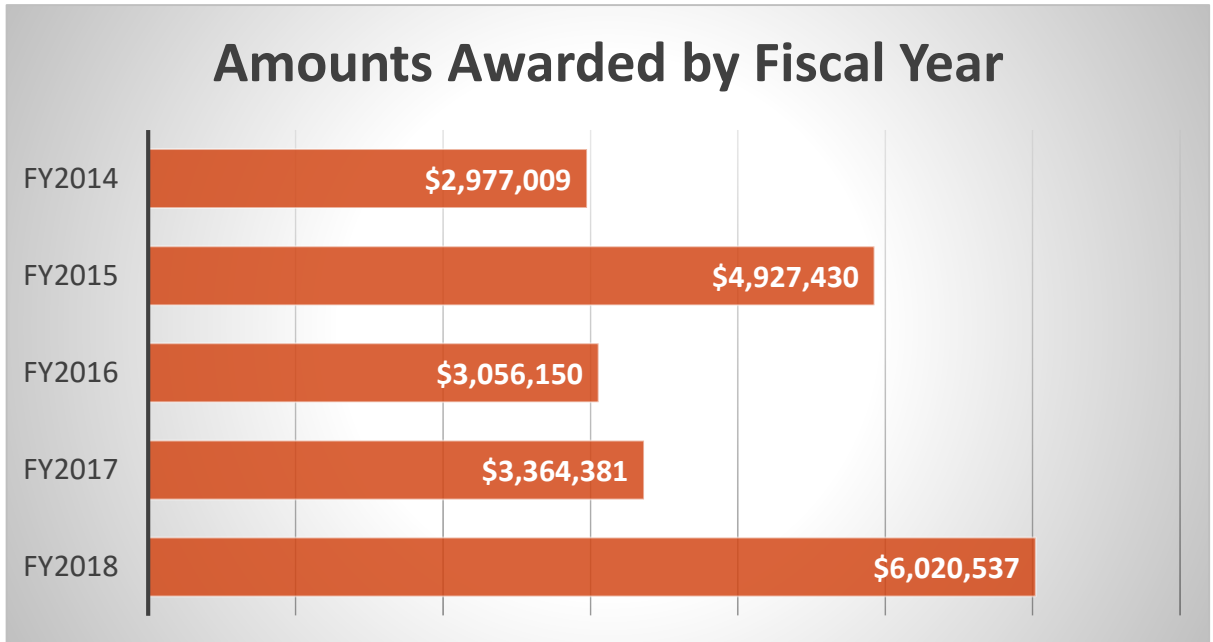
Grant Awards by Funding Source (FY18)	
Funding Source	Award Amount
Federal	\$1,632,051
State	\$3,130,269
Local	\$204,000
Foundation / Corporation	\$1,054,217
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,020,537</b>

**Table 2:** The GDO’s success is a direct result of the aggressive efforts of faculty, staff, deans, and administrators across all areas of the college. The following chart provides an overview of grant activity by college department.

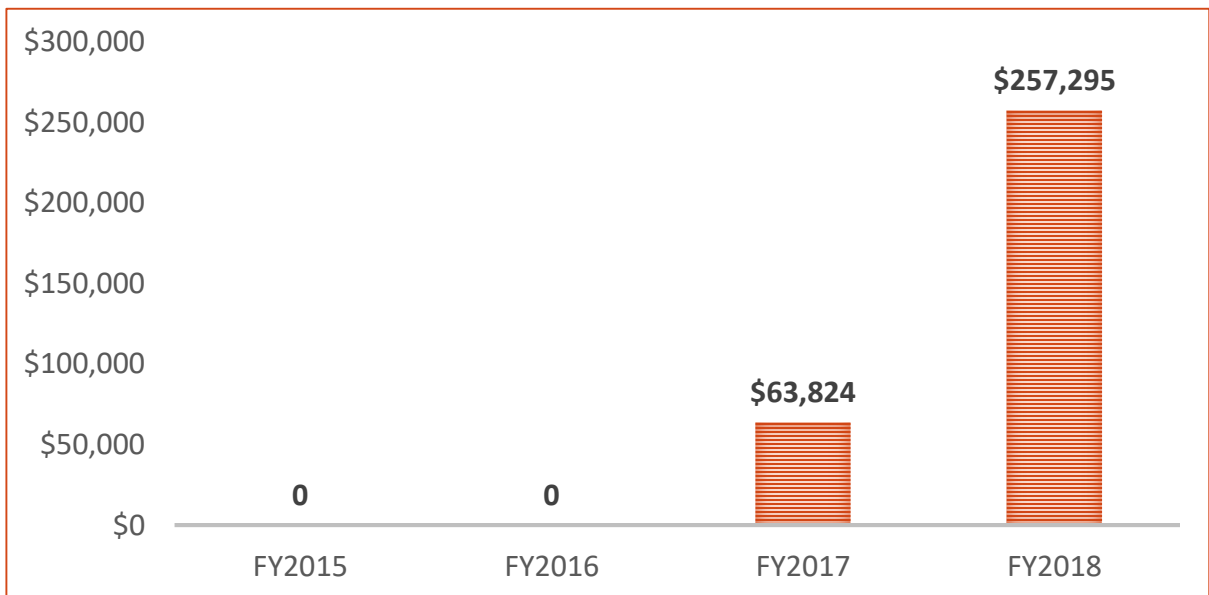




**Table 3:** The following chart is a historical overview of the college’s five-year grant history.



**Table 4:** The GDO made every effort to recover the cost of administering grant programs by capturing the federally approved indirect cost rate. The following chart depicts the indirect costs captured over the last four years.





<b>Grants Awarded to Triton College in FY18</b>		<b>Total Amount</b>
		<b>\$6,020,537</b>
1	Alliant Credit Union Foundation	\$5,000
2	American Family Insurance Dream Foundation	\$10,000
3	Corporation for National and Community Service – AmeriCorps Affiliate	\$40,000
4	Illinois Department of Public Health – AmeriCorps State	\$179,184
5	Chicago Foundation for Women	\$15,000
6	Cook County Workforce Partnership	\$200,000
7	Corporation for National and Community Service – RSVP	\$49,416
8	Educational Credit Management Corporation Foundation	\$500,000
9	Henrietta Lange Burke Foundation	\$10,000
10	Illinois Department on Aging – RSVP	\$79,036
11	Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation	\$4,000
12	Leyden Township – RSVP	\$4,000
13	Illinois Board of Higher Education – Cooperative Work Study (FY18)	\$24,816
14	Illinois Board of Higher Education – Cooperative Work Study	\$26,826
15	Illinois Community College Board – Performance Improvement Grant	\$42,194
16	Illinois Community College Board – Adult Education Family Literacy (FY18)	\$1,277,990
17	Illinois Community College Board – Adult Education Family Literacy (FY19)	\$921,100
18	Illinois Community College Board – Carl D. Perkins	\$516,825
19	Illinois Community College Board – Innovative Bridge and Transitions	\$187,482
20	Illinois Secretary of State – Adult Volunteer Literacy	\$50,000
21	Institute of Museum and Library Services	\$150,000
22	Kinder Morgan Foundation	\$2,500
23	Robert R. McCormick Foundation	\$85,000
24	National Science Foundation – S-STEM	\$650,000
25	National Science Foundation – Robert Noyce Scholarship Program	\$30,532
26	Nicor Gas Foundation	\$5,000
27	Office of Community College Research and the National Science Foundation	\$1,000
28	United States Department of Education – TRiO Student Support Services	\$231,919
29	United States Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women	\$300,000
30	Westlake Health Foundation – Scholarships (Health Careers)	\$321,717
31	Westlake Health Foundation – Scholarships (Adult Education)	\$100,000





# STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

**Program:** Hispanic Serving Institution Initiative  
**Funding Agency:** Office of Community College Research and Leadership (OCCRL) and National Science Foundation  
**FY18 Amount:** \$1,000  
**Grant Project Director:** Dr. Gabriel Guzman

The research project explored the transitions to and through Hispanic-serving community colleges for underrepresented minority STEM students.

**Program:** GENIUS - Geo-Engineering Innovations through Undergraduate Scholarship  
**Funding Agency:** National Science Foundation S-STEM  
**FY18 Amount:** \$650,000  
**Grant Project Directors:** Dr. Sheldon Turner and Andrea Blaylock

The GENIUS program supports Triton College students who are interested in majoring in engineering, engineering technology/mechatronics, environmental science, and geology. The program provides scholarships, research opportunities, and mentoring services to students who demonstrate financial need and high academic talent.

**Program:** GADgET – Girls Adventuring in Design, Engineering, and Technology  
**Funding Agencies:** Nicor Gas Foundation – \$5,000  
 Kinder Morgan Foundation – \$2,500  
**FY18 Total Amount:** \$7,500  
**Grant Project Directors:** Antigone Sharris and Andrea Blaylock

Triton’s GADgET program empowers and introduces girls to STEM related fields. Triton’s innovative and unique STEM program is open to girls ages 12-16 only. GADgET is designed to strengthen each participant’s sense of self-efficacy through the ownership of an idea, from concept to build. The program also employs practices, methods, and tools used in a variety of STEM careers.

**Program:** STEM Stars: Strengthening the STEM Teacher Pipeline in Metropolitan Chicago  
**Funding Agency:** National Science Foundation – Robert Noyce Scholarship Program (in collaboration with Dominican University)  
**FY18 Amount:** \$30,532  
**Grant Project Director:** Dr. Gabriel Guzman

The project addresses the need for secondary STEM teachers in Chicago and the surrounding metropolitan area by strengthening several components of the STEM teacher pipeline. The project aims to increase the number of STEM teachers.





**Program:** AmeriCorps State  
**Funding Agency:** Corporation for National and Community Service and Illinois Department of Health  
**FY18 Amount:** \$179,184  
**Grant Project Directors:** Dr. Debbie Baness King and Corey Williams

Twenty-four AmeriCorps members provide mentoring, coaching, and tutoring for low-income college students and Triton College District 504. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members aim to improve retention for Triton College students.

**Program:** Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)  
**Funding Agencies:** Corporation for National and Community Service – \$49,416  
 Illinois Department on Aging (FY18 and FY19) – \$79,036  
 Leyden Township – \$4,000  
**FY18 Total Amount:** \$132,452  
**Grant Project Director:** Kay Frey

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of West Suburban Cook and Southern DuPage Counties recruits individuals aged 55 and older who want to volunteer in the community. RSVP is a national program that also works with public agencies, secular or faith-based organizations, private nonprofits, and proprietary health care organizations in the community.

**Program:** AmeriCorps Affiliate  
**Funding Agency:** Corporation for National and Community Service  
**FY18 Amount:** \$40,000 (Estimated Education Award)  
**Grant Project Director:** Dr. Debbie Baness King

AmeriCorps Affiliate members volunteer in the community at West 40 or the Oak Park Library in addition to serving high risk students at Triton College. AmeriCorps members provide tutoring (one-on-one and group) and coaching and serve as peer advocates. AmeriCorps members receive the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award as a post-service benefit after completing the program.





**Program:** TRiO Student Support Services  
**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Education  
**FY18 Amount:** \$231,919 (multi-year grant)  
**Grant Project Directors:** Dr. Debbie Baness King and Denise Jones

The TRiO – Student Support Services program provides academic and other support services to 160 low income, first-generation, and/or disabled college students with the goal of increasing retention and graduation rates and facilitating student transfer from two-year to four-year colleges (five-year grant).

**Program:** Triton College Meal Pantry  
**Funding Agencies:** Henrietta Lange Burke Foundation – \$10,000  
 American Family Insurance Dreams Foundation – \$10,000  
**FY18 Total Amount:** \$20,000  
**Grant Project Directors:** Dr. Debbie Baness King, Patricia Zinga, Brittany Malone, Dr. Amanda Turner, and Denise Jones

The Triton College meal pantry provides non-perishable meals to students who are experiencing food insecurities. The meal pantry, located in the Office of Financial Aid, provides a fast and discreet meal that students can quickly prepare and consume between classes.

**Program:** Sisterhood of Undergraduates Representing Great Excellence (SURGE)  
**Funding Agency:** Chicago Foundation for Women  
**FY18 Amount:** \$15,000  
**Grant Project Directors:** Corey Williams and Andrea Blaylock

The SURGE initiative provides academic support, one-on-one mentoring and coaching, career exploration and development, community service projects, and assistance in transitioning to a four-year institution or into the workforce.

**Program:** Triton Undergraduate Men Pursuing Higher Education (TRIUMPH) Program  
**Funding Agencies:** Robert R. McCormick Foundation – \$85,000  
 Education Credit Management Corporation Foundation – \$500,000  
**FY18 Total Amount:** \$585,000  
**Grant Project Directors:** Dr. Debbie Baness King, Robert Marshall, Corey Williams

The TRIUMPH program addresses the significant opportunity gap for minority males who are the first in their family, and often the first in their community, to pursue higher education. The TRIUMPH program ensures post-secondary persistence through intensive mentoring and targeted workshops designed to increase social, emotional, and non-cognitive barriers to success.

**Program:** Triton College Violence Prevention Program  
**Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women  
**FY18 Amount:** \$300,000  
**Grant Project Director:** Rosa Abbruscato

The purpose of this program is to develop a coordinated community response to sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking on campus. The project will provide educational programming and training for all students, faculty, and staff with the goal of creating a community response effort that includes policies and protocols that are timely, appropriate, sensitive, and respectful of victim's needs and that holds offenders accountable.

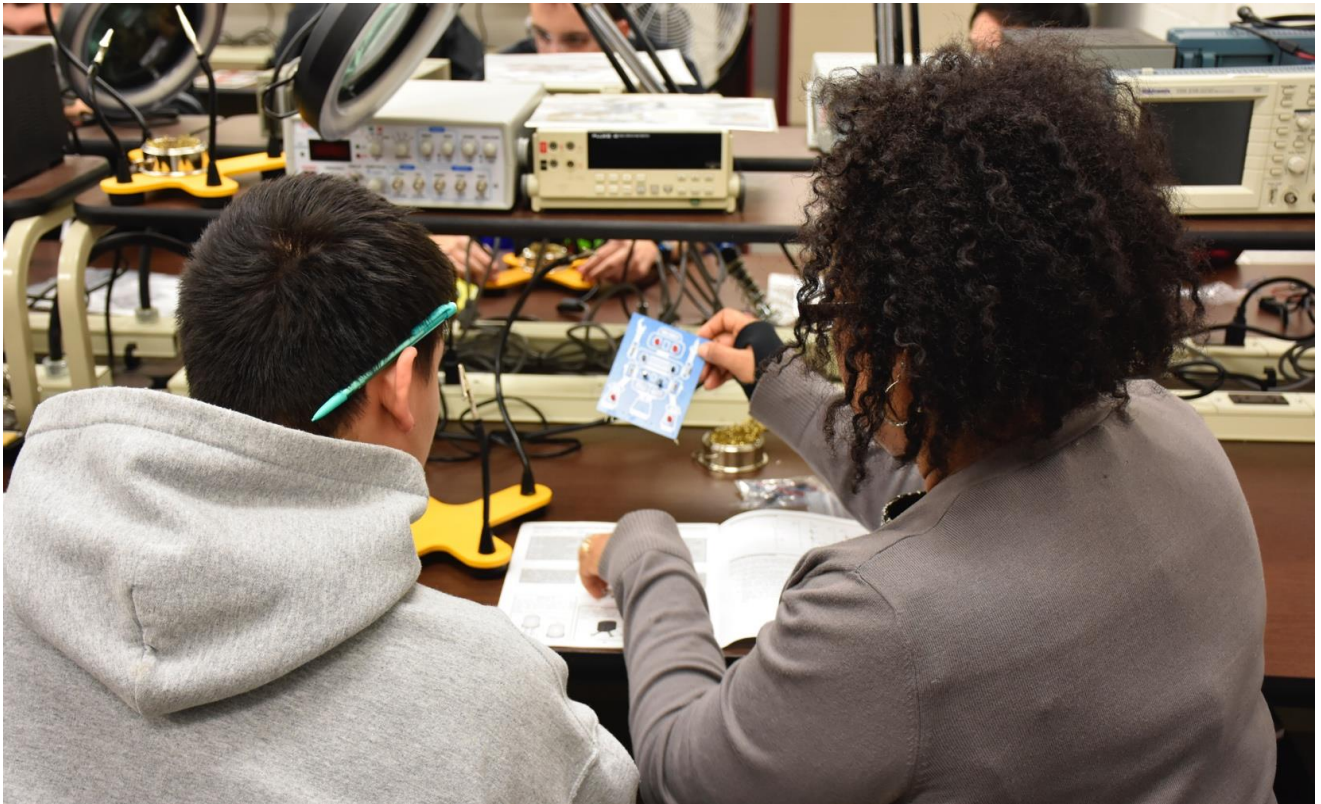


<b>Program:</b>	Performance Improvement Grant (PIG)
<b>Funding Agency:</b>	Illinois Community College Board
<b>FY18 Amount:</b>	\$42,194
<b>Grant Project Directors:</b>	Dr. Debbie Baness King, Dr. Gabriel Guzman, Shelley Tiwari

The Program Improvement Grant (PIG) is intended to enhance instruction and academic support activities that strengthen and improve career and technical education.

<b>Program:</b>	Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE)
<b>Funding Agency:</b>	Illinois Community College Board
<b>FY18 Amount:</b>	\$516,825
<b>Grant Project Directors:</b>	Dr. Chuck Bohleke, Dr. Sue Campos, Dr. Debbie Baness King, Kevin Li, Dr. Amanda Turner, Ricardo Segovia

The Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Improvement Act of 2006 (Perkins IV) focuses state and local efforts on continuously improving programs to facilitate the academic achievement of CTE students by strengthening the connections between secondary and postsecondary education and restructuring the way stakeholders, high schools, community colleges, universities, businesses, and parents work together. The program also increases state and local accountability standards. Areas of the college covered by this grant include arts & sciences, health careers, business and technology, student life, academic success, and enrollment services.







**Program:** Access to Literacy Program  
**Funding Agency:** Illinois Secretary of State – Adult Volunteer Literacy  
**FY18 Amount:** \$50,000  
**Grant Project Director:** Jacqueline Lynch

The Access to Literacy Program offers free tutoring services to adults whose reading, writing, and numeracy skills are below the 4th grade level. This includes providing tutoring services to non-native English speaking adults to improve their language skills and expose them to the nuances of the target language.

**Program:** Adult Education & Family Literacy  
**Funding Agency:** Illinois Community College Board  
**FY18 Amount:** \$2,199,090  
**Grant Project Director:** Jaqueline Lynch

The purpose of this program is to assist adults with improving their literacy skills and academic knowledge so that they can obtain employment and achieve self-sufficiency. The program provides adult parents with educational skills assistance (to attain a secondary school diploma) and support as they transition to post-secondary education. It also helps immigrants and other English language learners to improve their reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension skills.

**Program:** Innovative Bridge and Transitions Program  
**Funding Agency:** Illinois Community College Board  
**FY18 Amount:** \$187,482  
**Grant Project Director:** Jacqueline Lynch

This program is a comprehensive bridge program for adult education students with limited English skills. The program focuses on students in the English as a Second Language (ESL) program who have already attained a post-secondary degree in their home country. The goal of the program is to accelerate individuals into a certificate program within our continuing education program or an existing bridge program in our business and technology, health careers, and public service programs.





**Program:** Cooperative Work Study  
**Funding Agency:** Illinois Board of Higher Education  
**FY18 Amount:** \$51,642  
**Grant Project Directors:** Jacqueline Gordon, Richard Williams

The program provides internship opportunities for 28 Triton students while also developing relationships with at least 10 employers. Anticipated outcomes include the growth and development of our students and creation of a pipeline of talent for area employers.

**Program:** WIOA Adult & Dislocated Worker Program  
**Funding Agency:** Cook County Workforce Partnership  
**FY18 Amount:** \$200,000  
**Grant Project Directors:** Jacqueline Gordon, Richard Williams

Triton College provides training to adult and dislocated workers and also assists with their placement into living wage jobs. The college currently serves dislocated workers who experienced job loss due to a plant closing or lay off, are currently collecting unemployment benefits, or have exhausted their unemployment benefits. Both credit and non-credit certificate programs are represented in the menu of training programs offered to dislocated workers, which include health care, technology, and hospitality, among other fields.

**Program:** Veterans Completion Initiative  
**Funding Agency:** Alliant Credit Union Foundation  
**FY18 Amount:** \$5,000  
**Grant Project Directors:** Jacqueline Gordon, Richard Williams

This program provides veterans with structured and intensive career advising, job coaching, and job placement services (i.e., customized portfolios, resumes, skills assessment, job shadowing activities, etc.) and places veterans into permanent employment in their industry of choice.





## Health Careers Special Initiatives

**Program:** Health Careers Adult Education Scholarships  
**Funding Agency:** Westlake Health Foundation  
**FY18 Amount:** \$100,000  
**Grant Project Director:** Jacqueline Lynch

This program provides scholarships to students eager to develop skills and earn a certificate or degree in an allied health field. The program assists students as they make the transition from the college's adult education program into a health career program of study. As students prepare for completion, the scholarship program also provides job placement assistance in high-demand fields.

**Program:** Health Careers – Proviso Township High Schools District 209  
**Funding Agency:** Westlake Health Foundation  
**FY18 Amount:** \$321,717  
**Grant project Director:** Rosa Preston

The program provides scholarships to multiple cohorts of Proviso Township High School students pursuing health career degrees. The grant supports 20 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students each year for four years and provides workshops on healthcare issues and academic and remedial support for students with low placement scores.







<b>Program:</b>	Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) – Smart Grid Consumer Education
<b>Funding Agency:</b>	Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation
<b>FY18 Amount:</b>	\$4,000
<b>Grant Project Director:</b>	Adrian Fisher

The Illinois Green Economy Network (IGEN) Smart Grid Consumer Education program is designed to deliver smart grid and smart meter education to consumers in the Illinois community college system with a focus on hard-to-reach populations including low-income and senior populations. The program is funded by the Illinois Science and Energy Innovation Foundation whose mission is to empower consumers to understand and adopt smart grid technologies and related programs, to create positive changes in consumer behavior related to patterns of energy use, and to transform cultural norms regarding the relationship between the consumer, the utility, and energy consumption.



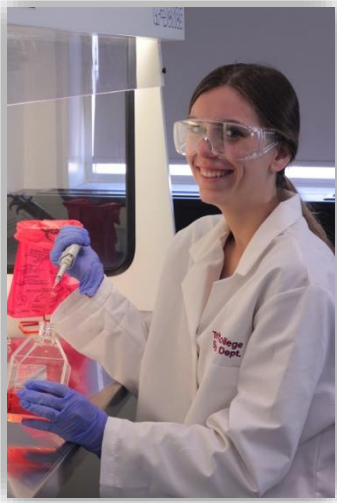


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“There is nothing permanent except change.”

- Heraclitus

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